

# ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

## Members Present:

Mayor Cllr B Lee

Councillors D Croft, G Dunn, C Hart, S Higgins, J Lowe, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux, E Sumner, A Wilson

**In Attendance:** L Crouch (Clerk) and a Police Representative

## 1 Open Forum

The Police representative summarised the most recent PACT meeting and explained that the next online PACT will take place on 6/5/14. Cllr Sumner will attend the meeting to be held on 5/6/14.

*The Police Representative then left the meeting*

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Evans and Cllr Smethurst who were on holiday and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising** A meeting has not yet been arranged to discuss the Jubilee Recreation Ground funding bid. Cllr J Molyneaux will contact Lindsey Blackstock regarding this.

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Molyneaux and Cllr Dunn declared an interest in item 6 as they are members of Chorley Council Development Control Committee. Cllr Lowe declared an interest in item 5.5 as she is involved with the administration of the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

## 5 Finance

5.1 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for March 2014 and the balance sheet for the year 2013/14

5.2 It was resolved to defer consideration of changes to the Town Council Financial Regulations based on the recommended version published by the National Association of Local Councils in March 2014 until the next meeting to allow the Clerk to summarise the recommended amendments

5.3 It was resolved to respond to the NALC consultation on a draft transparency code for Parish and Town Councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000 to say that the threshold for the publication of individual payments should be £5000 and that although there will be implications in time and cost for the changes to be implemented this will reduce in future years if the requirement remains the same

5.4 It was resolved to accept the final quotation from Chorley Council for the provision of 40 pairs of hanging baskets in Adlington for summer 2014 of £4228 including VAT. Cllr Lowe will confirm all of the basket locations with Chorley Council

5.5 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Orange	Phone charges 24/03/14 to 23/04/14	£9.31
LALC & NALC	Annual Subscription	£543.06
Adlington & District Community Association	Neighbourhood Watch room hire	£12.00
PWD Creative	Update newsletter - printing	£280.00
L Snape	Update newsletter - delivery	£200.00
Adlington & District Community Association	Community Award	£150.00
Adlington & District in Bloom	Community Award	£250.00
Adlington Luncheon Club	Community Award	£100.00
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Community Award	£300.00
Adlington Senior Citizens	Community Award	£80.00
Adlington & District Carnival	Community Award	£120.00

5.6 It was resolved to transfer £2100 from the RBS savings account to the business current account.

## 6 Planning

### 6.1 New Applications

It was resolved to leave application **14/00229/FUL 2 Nightingale Street** Single storey side extension for neighbours' comments

It was resolved to respond to application **14/00271/FULMAJ 107 - 113 Chorley Road** Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 10 no. apartments in 2 storey block to comment that the plans are lacking in detail. Other concerns include the lack of parking spaces, height of the proposed building in relation to adjacent properties, encroachment onto the pavement to the front, access to the playing fields at the rear, vehicular access for neighbours and possible traffic issues during any construction.

- 6.2 **Applications Granted** The following were noted:  
**14/00002/FUL 33 Grove Crescent** Erection of first floor front extension  
**14/00045/FUL 40 Belmont Road** Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new bungalow  
**14/00134/FUL 12 The Common** Extension of pitched roof over garage and single storey extension  
**14/00152/FUL 30 Mount Pleasant** Erection of front and rear dormer
- 6.3 **Applications Refused** The following were noted:  
**13/00754/OUT 59 Church Street** Outline application for the erection of a four bedroom detached house and **13/00755/OUT 59 Church Street** Outline application for the erection of a pair of semi-detached houses
- 6.4 It was resolved to respond that the Council welcomes the proposals of the Chorley Council Renewable and Low Carbon Energy supplementary planning document.
- 7 Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 No nominations have been received for this year's Citizen Awards
- 7.2 It was resolved to note the invitation from Lancashire County Council to opt into the Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme for April 2014/15
- 7.3 Some suggestions for the commemoration of the World War 1 Centenary were made, including the reading of poems and special prayers at the Remembrance Day service. It was resolved to arrange a meeting on 14/5/14 at Fairview Community Centre at 8pm for all Remembrance Sunday contacts and any other local groups who may wish to be involved
- 7.4 It was resolved that although Railway Road is unlikely to be considered as within Lancashire County Council's criteria for the installation of speed bumps the speed problems on this road should be addressed by the new SPID installation plans
- 7.5 Attendees at the recent Neighbourhood Planning event summarised the presentation. It was resolved that the production of a Neighbourhood Plan is an expensive and time-consuming process, and that it is uncertain how much weight this would have if it was in conflict with the district Local Plan. It was resolved to consider producing a simplified version of the existing Parish Plan in consultation with local residents, to clarify the objectives of the Town Council in the next few years.
- 7.6 It was resolved to nominate the Adlington & District Diamond Jubilee Bench and the White Bear Marina Cafe for consideration in this year's Chorley Civic Society Bi-Annual Awards
- 7.7 It was resolved that although the Council will continue to query planning issues regarding the Grove Farm development, the boundary dispute between Bellway and residents of Mayfield Avenue is a private civil matter and subject to legal representation.
- 7.8 It was resolved that as the comments of the resident regarding village maintenance issues have been passed on to the relevant authorities and several responses sent, no further action is required.
- 7.9 It was resolved that as no mutually convenient date can be found for St Paul's Church and Rivington & Adlington Brass Band this year's Civic Sunday event will take place on Sunday 29/6/14 and will consist of a church service followed by lunch.
- 7.10 Cllr Dunn and Cllr Higgins were nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor in 2014/15
- 7.11 It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council for confirmation that a more substantial solution to the problem of the railings at the corner of Railway Road and Church Street is under consideration for implementation at the same time as the road is closed for the railway electrification work, and that reflective material will be used to improve road safety at this point until then.
- 7.12 It was resolved to contact Lancashire County Council regarding the diversion plans for during the electrification work, to ensure that consideration is given to encourage traffic to remain on the major route (A6) when travelling south and to therefore avoid unnecessary additional traffic on Rawlinson Lane and Railway Road during this period. It was also resolved to suggest that temporary traffic lights are introduced at the junction of Rawlinson Lane and the A6 when this is in use as a diversion route to improve traffic flow. It was also resolved to copy this correspondence to the County Councillor and to Heath Charnock Parish Council
- 7.13 It was resolved to contact Chorley Council to express the Town Council's past and continuing support of the promotion of Fair Trade in the local area  
*It was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 5 minutes*
- 7.14 Cllr J Molyneaux explained that the new Three Tier arrangements were currently under consideration. It was agreed to consider election of a representative to attend this meeting and any topics for its consideration at the May meeting of the Town Council.  
 It was resolved that the Council's comments regarding the reinstatement of the hospital stop for the 125 bus service should be passed on to County Councillor John Fillis for consideration.
- 8 Items for Information** None  
*The meeting closed at 9.05pm*